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The prosecuting attorney referred to the attitude of the "chiefs" of the invading brigade, San Roman, Andres Oliva, and Manuel Artime, saying that the three acted in a cowardly fashion during the battle, in spite of that fact that they later tried to act in an arrogant manner during the trial, assuming military attitudes which they did not demonstrate during the invasion. He added that these "chiefs" were accused by their own men of having abandoned the latter of Playa Giron.

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The prosecuting attorney had words of praise for the heroes and martyrs of Playa Giron who wrote glorious pages and who dealt imperialism, as Fidel Castro said, their first great defeat in Latin America. He compared this to the cowardly attitude of the mercenaries, who surrendered without fighting when they saw that the plans of their masters did not go well.

Finally, he said that the crime of the mercenaries of Playa Giron is that of treason to the fatherland because they had let themselves become conscious instruments of North American imperialism who on planning, directing, and executing the aggression, violated the charters of the OAS and of the United Nations with an absolute contempt for international law. He added that in this trial it was not possible to sentence imperialism and President Kennedy, but that both will answer to the tribunals of the peoples of the world for their crime. He ended by asking for the most severe punishment for the accused in accordance with the revolutionary penal laws.

Before the end of today's session, the attorney for the defense, Dr. Antonio Cegas, told the court that complying with the duty of a revolutionary and as a professional, he asked that the sentence show the magnanimity of the revolutionary people and Government of Cuba, the justice of the Cuban revolution, and the generosity which the people showed after the victory of Giron and during the entire course which the revolution has traveled to the present.

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(Summary) During the trial of the mercenaries who invaded Cuba in April 1961 at Playa Giron, the declarations and documents presented constitute the firmest condemnation of the Kennedy government. Not the words of the attorney general or the chairman of court, but rather the testimony given by the mercenaries accuse imperialism.